

Recipients of the 2019 British Columbia Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Award

VANCOUVER – The British Columbia Multiculturalism and Anti-racism awards acknowledge individuals, organizations, businesses and youth whose exemplary work is advancing cultural inclusion and efforts to end acts of racism. This year's award recipients include:

Individual over 30: (two-way tie):

- Annie Ohana (Surrey): Founder of Mustang Justice, a youth social justice leadership program, which focuses on support for cultural revitalization projects, interfaith dialogue and the protection of cultures facing oppression in their home countries.
- Dalvir Nahal (Penticton): Founder of the Bollywood Bang, dedicated to increasing awareness of the Sikh culture and history, by breaking down cultural barriers in the Okanagan to fight racism.

Non-Profit Organization:

- Powell River Academy of Music – International Choral Kathaumixw, a festival hosted by the Powell River Academy of Music, that attracts 1000 singers from around the globe. This event has been cited as a major contributor to Powell River being selected as a Cultural Capital of Canada.

Business:

- Spice Radio (i.t. Media Broadcasting): for organizing the annual "Raise Your Hands Against Racism" campaign. Since 2015, this annual event has taken place during the Indian holiday Holi. Spice Radio is also involved in promoting anti-racism messages through radio broadcast, print and television, that encourage Canadians to take a stand against racial injustice.

Youth (Age 15-30):

- Nada El Masry (New Westminster): Manager at RADIUS SFU, and a team member for the Beyond Borders project, which is focused on addressing themes of civic engagement, inclusion and systemic barriers to thriving livelihoods for refugees in Surrey.

Each award recipient received a trophy presented by the Premier Horgan. In addition, the Youth award recipient also received \$5,000 that will be donated to the Refugee Livelihood Lab, Radius SFU to further their work in Beyond Borders project.